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- ☒ 1. **PTO-1449 Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(b)**  
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- ☐ 2.(a) **Statement Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(c)**  
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- ☐ 3. **Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(d)**  
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- ☒ 4. A list of documents on Form PTO-1449 together with copies of each identified document and a translation or a concise explanation of each non-English language document (such as a Search Report) is enclosed herewith.

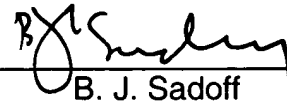
This paper is submitted in accordance with:

- ☒ 5. 37 CFR 1.97(b): [within 3 months of filing or prior to 1st Office Action]
- ☐ 6. 37 CFR 1.97(c): [before Final Office Action or Allowance, whichever is earlier]; and
- ☐ a) The required Statement made in item 8 below; or
- ☐ b) The \$180.00 fee specified in 37 CFR §1.17(p) for submission of this Information Disclosure Statement is authorized in item 9 below.
- ☐ 7. 37 CFR §1.97(d): [after Final Office Action or Allowance (requires Rule 97(e) Statement and Rule 17(p) fee), but before final fee payment]; and
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- ☐ b) The required Statement is stated in item 8 below.
- ☐ 8. Statement under 37 CFR 1.97(e)
- ☐ a) The undersigned attorney of record hereby certifies under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e) that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement (each item contained in this IDS was the first citation of that item by a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application which occurred no more than three months prior to the filing of this IDS); or
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- ☒ 9. Please charge all deficiency fees associated with the submission of this Information Disclosure Statement and any other fees applicable to this application to Deposit Account No. 14-1140. An original and one (1) copy of this document are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,  
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**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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